

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 22, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, for which the three-month date for response was April 22, 2009.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to June 22, 2009, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2144.000800RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.